

Alert incident ID number: 12437

Report run on: Jun 24, 2020 at 14:36 by Admin Specialist Renee Gusto

Incident type Alert

Alert no.:AU19-0031 Date of alert: 11/13/2019

Member: Officer Drusso Martinez [1790]

Alert description:

Incident type specific alert: File #: U19-0460 Report #: 19-066953: Use of force has triggered an alert.

As of 10/26/2019, 6 Use of force incidents are linked to Officer Drusso Martinez [1790] that have occurred since 07/26/2019.

6 or more Use of force incidents during a 3 month period indicates that the officer's performance may need to be reviewed.

Organizational-specific threshold override alert criteria for : .

Action(s) taken in response to alert:

The Early Intervention System has alerted in reference to Officer Martinez being involved in 6 use of force incidents in a 90-day period. This analysis report reviews the 6 cases provided.

Summary:

Incident # 1: August 28, 2019, Case # 19-053078

Officer Martinez made contact with a subject on the property of a closed business, during which time it was discovered that the subject had active warrants for his arrest. After placing the subject into handcuffs, Officer Martinez attempted to conduct a search of the subject's person. During this time, the subject was holding a wallet, which he tried to place back into his own pocket that was not searched. Officer Martinez attempted to grab the wallet out of the subject's hand, at which time the subject grabbed Officer Martinez's middle finger and began to bend it backwards stating "get off me". To deter this action, Officer Martinez grabbed the subject by the back of his shirt and placed his left foot behind the subject's heels, conducting a takedown on the subject by pulling him backwards to the ground. Following the takedown, Officer Martinez assisted him back to his feet and completed his arrest without further incident.

Incident # 2: August 31, 2019, Case # 19-053366

Officer Martinez and several other officers conducted a felony traffic stop on a stolen vehicle in the parking lot of 4021 N Tamiami Trl. During this felony traffic stop, Officer Martinez pointed the muzzle of his department issued firearm at the front seat passenger and gave loud verbal commands to step backwards towards officers so that way he could be placed in handcuffs. No further force used.

Incident # 3: September 23, 2019, Case # 19-058954

Officer Martinez conducted a felony traffic stop on a stolen vehicle at 1515 Tarpon Ave. During this traffic stop, Officer Martinez gave the suspect loud verbal commands to walk backwards. While the suspect was walking backwards, Officer Martinez pointed his firearm at the middle back area of the suspect. The suspect complied with all verbal commands and was placed into handcuffs without incident

Incident # 4: October 13, 2019, Case # 19-063634

Officer Martinez and several officers responded to a dispute. Upon arrival, contact was made with the

subject, who had a knife in her right hand and refused verbal commands to drop the knife. Officer Martinez drew his Taser and pointed it at the subject's front torso and continued commands for her to drop the knife. The subject subsequently dropped the knife at which time Officer Martinez placed her in handcuffs and double locked the handcuffs.

Incident # 5: October 26, 2019, Case # 19-066758

Officer Martinez and several officers responded to a shooting. Officer Martinez held lethal coverage on the doorway of the suspect's address. As the suspect emerged from the residence, Officer Martinez pointed his department issued rifle at the suspect until taken into custody by other officers.

Incident # 6: October 26, 2019, Case # 19-066953

Officer Martinez responded as backup reference to another officer requesting help with a fight in progress between numerous subjects. Upon arrival, Officer Martinez observed the suspect engaging in brawling/fighting activities. After numerous loud verbal commands to stop, Officer Martinez attempted to place the suspect into custody by grabbing both of the suspect's wrists. The suspect forcefully pulled away from Officer Martinez, at which time Officer Martinez grabbed the back of the suspect's shirt and under the suspect's chin, pulling him to the ground. While on the ground, the suspect continued to lift his head off of the ground and turn his body towards officers. Officer Martinez placed his left knee on the back of the suspect's head/neck area to keep him in one spot so that Officer Gagnon could safely place the suspect into custody.

Analysis:

In 3 cases, Officer Martinez was attempting to apprehend suspects who were providing some form of resistance. The other 3 cases involved Officer Martinez utilizing lethal coverage options as trained for potentially armed suspects. In all cases Officer Martinez utilized the appropriate level of force based on the resistance encountered.

Findings:

After reviewing all six cases, I conclude that Officer Martinez's actions in response to the resistance encountered were within department policy and it is my conclusion that that are no issues or concerning patterns of behavior relating to Officer Martinez.

User alerted/making original entry: Admin Specialist Renee Gusto on Nov 13, 2019

Incidents that caused this alert

Dt Rec'd. Type File # Report # Assign @ time of alert

Aug 28, 2019	Use of force	U19-0438	19-053078	Martinez, Drusso	Officer [1790]	Patrol-Patrol
Aug 31, 2019	Use of force	U19-0439	19-053366	Martinez, Drusso	Officer [1790]	Patrol-Patrol
Sep 23, 2019	Use of force	U19-0415	19-058954	Martinez, Drusso	Officer [1790]	Patrol-Patrol
Oct 13, 2019	Use of force	U19-0421	19-063634	Martinez, Drusso	Officer [1790]	Patrol-Patrol
Oct 26, 2019	Use of force	U19-0523	19-066758	Martinez, Drusso	Officer [1790]	Patrol-Patrol
Oct 26, 2019	Use of force	U19-0460	19-066953	Martinez, Drusso	Officer [1790]	Patrol-Patrol

BlueTeam field routings:

Nov 14, 2019 13:53

From Sergeant Dwayne Shellhammer [1517] to Sergeant Andrew M. Combs [1567]

Instructions:

The EIS System has triggered an alert for the above member for 6 or more uses of force in a 90-day period. Please complete an analysis and forward through YOUR chain of command for review and recognize that your report will ultimately be read by the Office of the Chief of Police. If you are not able to see all the case numbers or incidents which alerted the trigger, please contact Internal Affairs and we can provide you with the necessary information. Thank you.

Reviewed Dec 13, 2019 03:42

Decision: Approved

Reviewer comment:

Completion notes: For approval. No attachments necessary.

Nov 14, 2019 13:53

From Sergeant Dwayne Shellhammer [1517] to Lieutenant Bruce King [1494]

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Reviewed Dec 19, 2019 00:00

Decision:

Nov 14, 2019 13:53

From Sergeant Dwayne Shellhammer [1517] to Lieutenant Robert D. Armstrong [1409]

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Reviewed Dec 19, 2019 00:00

Decision:

Dec 13, 2019 03:42

From Sergeant Andrew M. Combs [1567] to Lieutenant
Bruce King [1494]

Instructions:

see notes

Reviewed Dec 17, 2019 22:42

Decision: Approved

Reviewer comment:

Appropriate use of force in all cases. I do not see any
patterns or areas of concern.

Dec 17, 2019 22:42

From Lieutenant Bruce King [1494] to Captain Demetri
Konstantopoulos [1320]

Instructions:

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patterns or areas of concern.

Reviewed Dec 18, 2019 12:49

Decision: Approved

Reviewer comment:

[Forwarded by Captain Demetri Konstantopoulos]

Dec 18, 2019 12:49

From Captain Demetri Konstantopoulos [1320] to Deputy
Chief Patrick Robinson [1419]

Instructions:

I agree with Lt. King's analysis.

Reviewed Dec 18, 2019 13:04

Decision: Approved

Reviewer comment:

[Forwarded by Deputy Chief Patrick Robinson]

Dec 18, 2019 13:04

From Deputy Chief Patrick Robinson [1419] to Chief of Police Bernadette A. DiPino [00100]

Instructions:

I concur with Lt. King's finding and support the Captain's recommendation.

Reviewed Dec 18, 2019 13:31

Decision: Approved

Reviewer comment:

[Forwarded by Chief of Police Bernadette DiPino]

Dec 18, 2019 13:31

From Chief of Police Bernadette A. DiPino [00100] to Admin Specialist Renee Gusto [1416]

Instructions:

Approved

Reviewed Dec 19, 2019 00:00

Decision:

Reviewer comment:

[Open routing]

Dec 18, 2019 13:31

From Chief of Police Bernadette A. DiPino [00100] to Captain James J. Rieser [1175]

Instructions:

Reviewed Dec 19, 2019 00:00

Decision: